MR. H. C. PAPWORTH : I have not got the details of the candidates who applied for admission *in toto* or on a community basis.

MR. KADAKKAVOOR P. MADHAVAN *(Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad)* : May I know whether any concession was given to the Ezhava applicants ?

MR. H. C. PAPWORTH : No, Sir.

University College.

393. ❋ MR. N. D. PARAMESWARAN NAMBOODIRI : *(The Travancore Jenmies-North)* : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether additional staff was sanctioned to the University College in 1120 or 1121 ;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, the reason for the same ; and

(*c*) the number of students admitted to the University College in 1120 and 1121

MR. H. C. PAPWORTH : (*a*) and (*b*)The University is an autonomous body and the recruitment of additional staff is in its discretion.

(*c*) 1120—699.
1121—966.

MR. N. D. PARAMESWARAN NAMBOODIRI : In view of the answer to parts (a) and (b), may I take it that this House is not entitled to know the strength of the staff ?

PRESIDENT : The whole position is this. It is, of course, open to the University to answer these questions just as it is open to the municipalities or any other local body to answer these questions as a matter of courtesy. Generally speaking, they do so. But the position is this: when the University grant comes up, questions of policy pursued by the University, questions on the methods of recruitment etc. can be raised as want of confidence in the University, and either the grant may be given or not given. Apart from that when it is a statutory, autonomous body like these under the District Municipalities Act or the Corporation, questions as to details of administration in the University are not admissible and may be answered only as a matter of courtesy.

University Courses.

394. ❋ MR. V. MADHAVAN : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any directive has been given to the University to give preference to candidates from educationally backward communities in the matter of admission to the different University courses ;

(*b*) whether Government are aware that such preferences are given by the Madras University and other Universities in British India ;

(*c*) whether any representation has been received by Government or the University regarding reservation of seats for educationally backward communities in our colleges under the University ; and

(*d*) if so, what action has been taken on these representations ?

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